



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2021 – 15

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – JUDGE JOHN DEWEY SAUNDERS

- WHEREAS,** John Dewey Saunders, a former distinguished member of the Louisiana Legislature and a venerable member of the Louisiana Judiciary, died at the age of 78 on Monday, September 13, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** he is survived by his wife, Susan; their two children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren;
- WHEREAS,** he was born on June 4, 1943 in Ville Platte, Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** after attending Sacred Heart High School in Ville Platte, he attained his bachelor's and juris doctorate degrees from Louisiana State University, completing his studies in 1968;
- WHEREAS,** he served his state and his home of Evangeline Parish as well as the Parishes of Avoyelles and Allen in the Louisiana State Senate for seventeen years, first elected to the Senate in 1975 and serving until 1992; during his tenure in office, he was the chairman of the Judiciary C Committee and he served on the Insurance and Revenue & Fiscal Affairs committees; he was a champion of the interests of the people he represented, securing numerous projects and improvements to his district;
- WHEREAS,** in 1992, he sought and won a seat on the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Third Circuit, and he was re-elected to that seat after running opposed in 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** Judge John Dewey Saunders lived his life with integrity and honor, and his public service as a lawmaker and a jurist to the State of Louisiana will long be remembered.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- SECTION 1:** As an expression of respect for John Dewey Saunders, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol from sunrise until sunset on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.
- SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 13th day of September, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

SECRETARY OF STATE